

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/675,737

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/02/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-9,11 and 13-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

/William C. Vaughn, Jr./
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2444

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Garred Reg. No. 31830 on 08 September 2009.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend independent claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently amended)

A method for distributing a document to at least one destination, the method comprising:

receiving document data representative of an electronic document to be distributed into a document processing device including a processor and memory;
associating each of a plurality of device queues with a unique document processing functionality; creating a job by appending to the document data at least one printer job language command, wherein the at least one printer job language command includes instructions for the distribution of the job via at least one of facsimile and e-mail by a document distribution queue and device data specifically identifying at least one device queue for distribution of the electronic document wherein the document distribution queue is not pre-associated with the document output destination;

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associating each device queue with the document output destination;
communicating the document data and at least one appended printer job language command to the document distribution queue via a data network;
receiving, into the document distribution queue, the document data and at least one appended printer job language command; parsing, via the document distribution queue, the appended printer job language command from the document data;
distributing the job by a processor, on the basis of parsed printer job language command, inclusive of the at least one printer job language command, to a facsimile destination or an e-mail destination corresponding to at least one device queue specified within the parsed printer job language command; and
processing each job received into each device queue in accordance with the document processing functionality associated therewith.

Reason for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record (Zingher, U. S. Patent No. 5897260; Korfana, U. S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0182575 and Mastie et al., U. S. Patent No. 6498656) do not teach nor suggest in detail receiving document data and creating a job by appending to the document data at least one printer job language command, wherein the at least one printer job language command includes instructions for the distribution of the job via at least one of facsimile and e-mail by a document distribution queue and device data specifically identifying at least one device queue for distribution of the electronic

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document wherein the document distribution queue is not pre-associated with the document output destination. Zingher, Korfana and Mastie respectively only teach generic print job allocation system, a system for including print job language wrapper in a document and a system for routing print jobs to one of a plurality of printers or print queues. Thus the prior arts of record taking singly or in combination do not teach nor suggest the above-stated limitation taking wholly in combination with all the elements of each independent claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Claims 1, 5-9, 11 and 13-16 allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MOHAMED IBRAHIM whose telephone number is (571)270-1132. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William C. Vaughn, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-3922. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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